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The Honorable David N. Cicilline, Chairman Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law House Committee on the Judiciary 2233 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable James Sensenbrenner, Ranking Member Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law House Committee on the Judiciary 2449 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cicilline and Ranking Member Sensenbrenner:

NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless ("Viaero") appreciates the Subcommittee's commitment to promoting a vibrant and innovative wireless industry that serves the interests of the American people. Viaero operates in Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, South Dakota and Wyoming, working tirelessly to bring mobile broadband service to underserved and rural communities.

As you may know, when T-Mobile's customers leave the T-Mobile service area, they often roam on Viaero's network in our service area. Likewise, many of our customers depend on T-Mobile's network when they travel outside of our service area to access mobile voice and broadband services. For nearly 20 years, T-Mobile has been our roaming partner, and we fully expect T-Mobile to continue our mutually productive roaming relationship for as long as Viaero is operating.

The merger of T-Mobile and Sprint will directly benefit consumers and rural carriers like Viaero. The merged company's expansive 5G network will leverage complementary spectrum assets held today by T-Mobile and Sprint. We expect that excess capacity in the merged network will drive down roaming prices for rural carriers such as Viaero.

https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10823765702540/Viaero%20Comments%20Supporting%20TMobile%20signed%208.23.2018.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, Comments of NE Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless, WT Docket No. 18-197 (Aug. 23, 2018), available at:

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Accordingly, Viaero supports the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank NIR. NE Colorado Cellular, Inc.

cc: Members of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial and Administrative Law, Committee on the Judiciary